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April 8, 2003

CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT 7099 3400 0016 8896 2451

Mr. Gary Mullard Northern Stone Supply 203 West Main P.O. Box 249 Oakley, Idaho 83346

Re: Conditional Acceptance of Amended Notice of Intention, Northern Stone Supply, Turquoise Stone Quarry, S/003/020, Box Elder County, Utah

Dear Mr. Mullard:

On June 14, 2001, the Division received your amendment to relocate your rock crusher and stockpiles on your Turquoise Stone Quarry, located in Section 18, T13S, R13E, SLBM. This amendment never received final acceptance because of issues raised by the BLM. On May 31, 2002, the Division received a copy of your amended plan from the BLM, along with their review comments, for your proposal to amend the plan to add Section 7 to your plan (where you proposed earlier to relocate the crusher and stockpiles). You were advised that we would not review this amendment until after a site visit was performed in the fall.

After final review, the amended application is considered complete with the Division rules and we hereby issue *conditional acceptance of your amendment* to relocate the crusher and stockpiles on your Turquoise Stone Quarry. Upon your written acceptance of the following condition, you may commence with your amended plan as outlined provided you have received written acceptance from the BLM.

## Condition #1:

The area currently occupied by the crusher and stockpiles will be appropriately reclaimed by ripping and seeding the current disturbed area to keep the total disturbed area to five acres or less. This work is to be completed by October 31, 2003, unless otherwise approved in writing. Failure to perform the requisite reclamation in a timely manner will result in the Division requiring that you submit a Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations and a reclamation surety for this mine site.



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Please be advised that you are bound by the same Operation and Reclamation Practices, as outlined in your original notice (summary attached). Please give special consideration to item #10 of the Operation and Reclamation Practices." Stockpiling topsoil material prior to beginning your mining operation will help ensure successful revegetation efforts upon final reclamation of the minesite. If the area being mined is a solid rock outcrop, or if the land surface is very rocky, then soil stockpiling is probably not possible. However, even the first few inches of undeveloped material is worth saving to aid in later revegetation efforts, and future regulatory release from reclamation requirements.

Should you wish to expand your operation beyond the five acre limitation, please notify this office as soon as possible to discuss the necessary permitting requirements.

Please be advised that the State Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) may also require certain permits for your operation. For further information regarding their permitting requirements, you may contact them at (801) 538-6146; their mailing address is Utah State Department of Environmental Quality, 288 North 1460 West, Salt Lake City, Utah 84116-0690.

Please accept the condition in writing by signing below and returning one original to the Division within ten days or by April 18, 2003. Thank you for your cooperation. When in the area, a member of the Division staff will examine the site. Best wishes with your mining operation.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg
Permit Supervisor
Minerals Regulatory Program

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Enclosure
cc: Mike Ford, BLM
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I, Gary Mullard, do hereby accept the above condition for acceptance of this amendment to my
Turquoise Stone Quarry, permit number S/003/020.